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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CATHY JACOBS,

Plaintiff,

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

COMPLAINT

Defendant.

Plaintiff, Cathy Jacobs, residing at 1613 Hilltown Pike, Hilltown, Pennsylvania 18927, by way of complaint, says:

JURISDICTION

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343(3), and 1343(4).
- 2. The jurisdiction of this Court is **al**so specifically invoked under the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-(f)(3) because this action is filed to obtain compensatory and punitive damages for sex discrimination by an employer, in violation of federal civil rights laws. The jurisdiction of this Court is also specifically invoked under the provisions of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 et seq.

- 3. Plaintiff commenced this action within ninety days after receipt of her Right to Sue Letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. A copy of the Right to Sue Letter is attached as Exhibit A.
- 4. The Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 through the principles of pendent jurisdiction for state law claims, namely the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (PHRA), 43 P.S.§§ 951 *et seq* and such other common law claims.
- 5. The venue of this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c).

PARTIES

- 6. Plaintiff is Cathy Jacobs, who is an individual citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania residing at 1613 Hilltown Pike, Hilltown, Pennsylvania 18927. At all relevant times hereto, Plaintiff was an "employee" of Defendant as such term is defined in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the PHRA and an "individual" or "person" as such term is defined in the ADEA.
- 7. Defendant, Pedia Manor, is a business operating at all relevant times in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania operating at 6095 Durham Road, Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947. It is an "employer" under 42 U.S.C. § 2000e(b) in that it is engaged in an industry affecting commerce and it has had at least fifteen employees for each working day in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding year. Further, it is an "employer" under the ADEA, 29 U.S.C. § 630(b), in that it is engaged in an industry affecting commerce and it has had twenty or more employees for each working day in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding

calendar year. Further, it is an "employer" under 43 P.S. § 954(b) in that it employs four or more persons within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

8. Defendant employed Plaintiff in this judicial district.

FACTS

- 9. Plaintiff was employed with Defendant for approximately eight years as a nurse.
- 10. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff performed her job competently.
- Plaintiff belongs to a protected class as she is over the age of forty, with a date of birth of October 21, 1963.
- 12. Plaintiff belongs to a protected class as she is female.
- 13. On or about **Sep**tember 2011, Plaintiff became aware that the Defendant newly promoted four nurses to the **p**osition of House Manager.
- 14. The Defendant **nev**er posted for the promotions. Plaintiff became aware of the positions after the Defendant announced that four employees were promoted.
- 15. The successful **can**didates were Trish Rivera (age 26), Lauren B. (age 26), Steph Unrue (age 35), and Sherry Kanem**an** (age 35).
- 16. Plaintiff was as qualified or more qualified than the successful candidates because of her education, experience, and work history.
- 17. Plaintiff was subjected to a continuing course of sexual harassment including but not limited to the following.
 - a. On approximately **Sept**ember 13, 2011, Dinesh Singh, a male co-owner of Defendant, put his arm around Plaintiff's upper back below her shoulder to "chat"

and his arm was so far around her back that his hand was touching the side of her right breast.

- b. On approximately October 8, 2011, as Plaintiff was in the medication closet pouring medications, Dinesh Singh came up behind her and put his hands on her waist and said, "my wife will tell you I like women with meat on their bones."
- c. Dinesh Singh would regularly refer to female employees as "babe."
- 18. The harassment was severe or pervasive as the comments and physical touching was not welcomed and was consistently rebuffed.
- 19. As a result of the conduct, Plaintiff was detrimentally affected as she suffered the following, including, but not limited to anxiety, depression and embarrassment.
- 20. Upon information and belief, other female employees have been sexually harassed by Mr. Singh.
- 21. Plaintiff was paid \$23.00 per hour by **Defendant**.
- 22. Other male employees, including but not limited to Justin McCurry, were paid more for performing the same work.
- 23. Plaintiff and Mr. McCurry's job assignments were substantially equal with respect to skill, effort, and responsibility.
- 24. On occasion, male employees were permitted to violate rules whereas female employees would be disciplined for such rule violations.

- 25. Plaintiff filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and concurrently filed with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission regarding Defendant's actions.
- 26. Defendant and their agents by their discrimination have caused Plaintiff lost pay and benefits, physical injury, mental anguish, embarrassment and humiliation.

COUNT I (VIOLATION OF THE ADEA)

- 27. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 28. Plaintiff was denied the promotion to House Manager as a direct result of her age.
- 29. By and through the course of conduct described herein, Defendant has engaged in unlawful employment practices in violation of the ADEA, 29 U.S.C. § 623, and discriminated against Plaintiff because of her age.
- 30. These practices have caused Plaintiff to be constructively discharged and suffer damages including, but not limited to, lost wages and benefits, back pay, front pay, past and future benefits, loss of earning capacity, humiliation, damage to reputation, physical injury, emotional distress, and inability to enjoy life's pleasures and activities
- 31. As a further result of the acts of Defendant, Plaintiff has incurred substantial damages and costs and will be obligated to incur such expenses in the future.
- 32. Defendant willfully violated the terms of the ADEA in that its employees, acting at all times within the scope of their employment, knew or showed reckless disregard for whether their conduct was prohibited by the ADEA and violated Plaintiff's rights thereunder.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Cathy Jacobs, respectfully requests all relief that is just and equitable, including, but not limited to an Order declaring that Defendant has violated the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and requiring them to take appropriate action to end discrimination in the workplace; reinstatement; compensatory damages for loss of wages and fringe benefits, front pay, back pay, future benefits and loss of earning capacity; damages for emotional and physical distress, damage to reputation, as well as pain and humiliation; liquidated and/or double damages for Defendant's willful violation of the ADEA, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 626(b), punitive damages; counsel fees, costs, and interest.

COUNT II (VIOLATION OF THE PHRA)

- 33. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 34. By and through the course of conduct described herein, Defendant violated 43 P.S.§§ 951 et seq. by discriminating against Plaintiff because of her age.
- 35. These practices have caused Plaintiff to be constructively discharged and suffer damages including, but not limited to, lost wages and benefits, back pay, front pay, past and future benefits, loss of earning capacity, humiliation, damage to reputation, physical injury, emotional distress, and inability to enjoy life's pleasures and activities.
- 36. As a further result of the acts of Defendant, Plaintiff has incurred substantial damages and costs and will be obligated to incur such expenses in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Cathy Jacobs, respectfully requests all relief that is just and equitable, including, but not limited to an Order declaring that Defendant has violated the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and requiring them to take appropriate action to end discrimination in the workplace; reinstatement; compensatory damages for loss of wages and

fringe benefits, front pay, back pay, future benefits and loss of earning capacity; damages for emotional and physical distress, damage to reputation, as well as pain and humiliation; counsel fees, costs, and interest.

COUNT III (SEX DISCRIMINATION UNDER FEDERAL LAW)

- 37. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 38. Plaintiff performed the duties and responsibilities of her employment with Defendant in a professional and lawful manner.
- 39. Plaintiff has been discriminated against and harassed because of her sex, female, and subjected to an overall sexually hostile environment in violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e et seq.
- 40. The above-referenced harassment would not have occurred but for Plaintiff's sex.
- 41. The harassment was severe and pervasive, such that a reasonable female individual would believe that the conditions of employment were altered and the working environment was hostile and abusive.
- 42. As a direct result of Plaintiff's sex, Defendant constructively discharged Plaintiff and caused her to suffer damages including, but not limited to, lost wages and benefits, back pay, front pay, past and future benefits, loss of earning capacity, medical expenses, humiliation, damage to reputation, physical injury, emotional distress, and inability to enjoy life's pleasures and activities.
- 43. By and through the course of conduct described herein, Defendant violated 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e *et seq.* by harassing Plaintiff due to her sex and subjecting her to a hostile work

- environment, denying her equal terms and conditions of employment, and constructively discharging her because of her sex.
- 44. Said actions on the part of the Defendant caused Plaintiff to be constructively discharged and suffer damages including, but not limited to, lost wages and benefits, back pay, front pay, past and future benefits, loss of earning capacity, humiliation, damage to reputation, physical injury, emotional distress, and inability to enjoy life's pleasures and activities.
- 45. As a further result of the acts of Defendants, Plaintiff has incurred substantial damages and costs and will be obligated to incur such expenses in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Cathy Jacobs, respectfully requests all relief that is just and equitable, including, but not limited to an Order declaring that Defendant has violated the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and requiring them to take appropriate action to end discrimination in the workplace; reinstatement; compensatory damages for loss of wages and fringe benefits, front pay, back pay, future benefits and loss of earning capacity; damages for emotional and physical distress, damage to reputation, as well as pain and humiliation; punitive damages; counsel fees, costs, and interest.

COUNT IV (SEX DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE PHRA)

- 46. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 47. By and through the course of conduct described herein, Defendant violated 43 P.S.§§ 951 et seq. by discriminating against Plaintiff because of her sex.
- 48. These practices have caused Plaintiff to be constructively discharged and suffer damages including, but not limited to, lost wages and benefits, back pay, front pay, past and future

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49. As a further result of the acts of Defendant, Plaintiff has incurred substantial damages

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fees, costs, and interest.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues.

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Exhibit A

EEOC Form 161-B (11/09)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE (ISSUED ON REQUEST)

Cathy Jacobs To: 1613 Hilltown Pike Hilltown, PA 18927

Philadelphia District Office From:

801 Market Street **Suite 1300**

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Equal Pay Act (EPA): You already have the right to sue under the EPA (filling an EEOC charge is not required.) EPA suits must be brought in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that backpay due for any violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit may not be collectible.

If you file suit, based on this charge, please send a copy of your court complaint to this office.

you may file suit in federal or state court under the ADEA at this time.

On behalf of the Commission

90 DAYS of your receipt of this Notice. Otherwise, your right to sue based on the above-numbered charge will be lost.

The EEOC is continuing its handling of your ADEA case. However, if 60 days have passed since the filing of the charge,

Enclosures(s)

Spencer H. Lewis, Jr., **District Director**

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